

CROMER URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR THE YEAR
ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1940.

Cromer
7th July, 1941.

Miss Behrens & Gentlemen,

The Annual Report for 1940 is on the lines indicated in Circular 2067, dated 19th July, 1940, and is an interim Report on:

The Sunshine for the year was 1633.0 hours as compared with 1573.7 hours in 1939; the rainfall was 23.83 inches as compared with 22.69 inches in 1939.

SECTION A.- STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

Area (in acres) 1148.
Estimate of resident population (as given by the Registrar-General) 4113.
Number of inhabited houses Dec. 1220 (includes 44 in Military occupation)
Rateable Value £33045
Sum represented by a Penny Rate (not yet ascertained)

There was practically no season as visitors were prohibited coming to Cromer as it was a Defence Area.

VITAL STATISTICS

	Total.	M.	F.	
Live Births (Legitimate)	53	30	23	Birth Rate per 1000 of the estimated population
(Illegitimate)	5	2	3	14.10
Still Births (Legitimate)	2	-	2	Rate per 1000 total (Live & Still)births
				33.33
Deaths	64	33	31	Death Rate 1000 resident population
				15.55

Deaths from puerperal causes - None

Death Rate of Infants under one year of age (6):-

All Infants per 1000 Live Births 103.44
Legitimate Infants per 1000 Live Births 68.96
Illegitimate Infants per 1000 Live Births 34.48

Deaths from Cancer (all ages) 10
" " Measles (all ages) 0
" " Whooping-cough 0
" " Diarrhoea (under two years of age) 0

The Resident Population as estimated by the Registrar-General is 4113, as compared with 3968 in 1939.

The Birth Rate is 14.10 as compared with 10.33 in 1939; the Birth Rate for England & Wales being 14.6

The Still Birth Rate is 33.33 per 1000 total Births as compared with 23.80 in 1939; 0.48 per 1000 Civilian Population, the Still Birth Rate for England & Wales being 0.55.

The Death Rate is 15.55 as compared with 13.10 in 1939; the Death Rate for England & Wales being 14.3

The Infantile Mortality is 103.44 as compared with 48.7 in 1939. The Infantile Mortality of England being 55.

CAUSES OF DEATH IN 1940.

	M.	F.
5. Tuberculosis of Respiratory System	-	2
7. Other forms of Tuberculosis	-	1
9. Influenza	2	-
13. Cancer of b: cav: & Oesoph: (M) uterus(F)	1	1
14. Cancer of Stomach & Duodenum	-	3
15. Cancer of Breast	7	1
16. Cancer of all other sites	4	-
17. Diabetes	1	1
18. Intra-cran: vasc.: lesions	2	4
19. Heart diseases	9	9
20. Other diseases of circ: system	1	-
21. Bronchitis	2	3
22. Pneumonia	3	-
23. Other resp: diseases	-	1
24. Ulcer: of stomach or duodenum	-	1
28. Nephritis	1	-
31. Premature birth	3	-
32. Con: mal: birth inj. infant: diseases	1	-
35. Other violent causes	2	1
36. All other causes	1	3
	<u>33.</u>	<u>31.</u>

SECTION B - SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

1. (i) Water. The Water from Metten is controlled by a chemical and bacteriological examination once yearly, the results indicate an efficiently treated water, pure and wholesome in character, and suitable for drinking and domestic purposes.

3. (ii) Sanitary Inspection of the Area.

Tabular Statement furnished by the Sanitary Inspector under Article 27(18) of the Sanitary Officers (Outside London) Regulations, 1935.

Houses to house Inspections	...	...	...	213
Special Inspections	...	...	...	19
Inspections of nuisances discovered	...	...	...	10
Re-inspections to ascertain progress of Sanitary and formal orders	...	...	...	9
Visits in connection with Infectious Diseases	...	...	...	21
Visits to Isolation Hospital	...	...	...	2
Inspections under factory & Workshop Act	...	...	...	7
Re-inspections	...	...	...	5
Inspections of Dairies, Milkshops & Cowsheds	...	...	...	11
Inspections of Tenements	...	...	...	7
				<u>304</u>
Premises disinfected	...	...	...	1
Rooms disinfected	...	...	...	17
Premises to which Smoke test applied	...	...	...	0
Committee Meetings attended	...	...	...	12
Preliminary Notices served	...	...	...	10
Legal Notices served	...	...	...	3
Legal Proceedings taken	...	...	...	0
Defects found by house to house Inspection	...	...	...	12
Defects found by other Inspection	...	...	...	0
Defects found by other Workshop Inspections	...	...	...	0
Defects found by other Tenement Inspections	...	...	...	1
Complaints received at Office				16

SECTION D - HOUSING.

No action taken during the year.

The Influx of evacuees (on 17th November 1939) and the Military caused no dislocation of water supply and sewage disposal. Ample accommodation has been found without inconvenience to the civil population.

On June 2nd all evacuees were excluded from this area.

SECTION F - PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES.

General Diseases notified amongst civilian population:-

Scarlet Fever	30 cases
Chicken-pox	7 "
Measles	2 "
Whooping-cough	2 "
Pneumonia	2 "
Cerebro-spinal Fever	2 "
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	5 "
Non-pulmonary Tuberculosis	2 "

The case rates of the following diseases as compared with England & Wales, are as under:-

	Per 1000 Civilian Population	
	Cromer	England & Wales
Scarlet Fever	7.29	1.65
Whooping-cough	0.48	1.34
Measles	0.48	10.24
Pneumonia	0.48	1.20
Cerebro-Spinal Fever	0.48	0.32

During the year I have received 7 copies of reports on Swabbing for Diphtheria and one examination of Sputum from the Norfolk County Laboratory.

NOTIFIED DISEASES DURING THE YEAR 1940.

Disease	Total Cases Notified	Cases admitted to Hospital	Total Deaths
Scarlet Fever	30	25	0
Cerebro-Spinal Fever	2	2	0
Pneumonia	2	2	3

One fatal case not notified

Age Groups- Scarlet Fever-4-5 three, 5-10 twelve, 10-15 eight, 15-20 three, 20-35 three, 35-45 one.

Pneumonia-35-45 one, 45-65 one.

Cerebro-Spinal Fever-15-20 one, 45-65 one.

TUBERCULOSIS.

New cases and Mortality during 1940

Age Periods	New Cases				Deaths			
	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Respiratory		Non-Respiratory	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
3-4	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
20-35	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
35-45	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45-65	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
Over 65	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
	3	-	2	-	-	2	-	1

One fatal case (non-pulmonary) only notified.

ON THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE FACTORY AND WORKSHOP ACT, 1901, AND THE FACTORIES ACT, 1937 (WHICH SUPERSEDED THE ACT OF 1901 on 1st July, 1938).

1. Inspections for purposes of provisions as to Health, including Inspections by Sanitary Inspector.

Premises (1)	Number of		
	Inspections (2)	Written Notices (3)	Occupiers Prosecuted. (4)
Factories (with mechanical power)	3	0	0
Factories (without mechanical power)	7	0	0
Other premises	1	0	0
	11	0	0

2. DEFECTS

Particulars (1)	Number of defects			Number of defects in respect of which prosecution were instituted. (5)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred to H.M. Inspector (4)	
Lack of Cleanliness (S I)	0	0	0	0
Ineffective drainage of floors	1	1	0	0
Other Offences	2	2	0	0
	3	3	0	0

There have been no instance of outwork in unwholesome premises.

In conclusion I have to thank Mr. G. Eric Mitchell for his valuable help in compiling this report.

I am, Sirs,
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